

## **MEDIATORS' QUALIFICATIONS**

To be approved to receive case referrals from the federal district court, mediators must meet two sets of qualification requirements. First, each mediator must meet the requirements established by the Nebraska Dispute Resolution Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 25-2901, et seq. Second, in addition to those qualifications, each mediator must also meet those requirements established by the Mediation Plan for the District of Nebraska.

### Qualifications Under the Nebraska Dispute Resolution Act:

The Nebraska Act requires, in Section 25-2913, that in order to be a qualified mediator, a person must have:

- Completed at least thirty hours of training in conflict resolution techniques, neutrality, agreement writing, and ethics; and
- Completed at least three apprenticeship mediations with an experienced mediator.

### Qualifications to Become a Mediator Approved by the Federal District Court in Nebraska:

An individual may be approved as a mediator if he or she has previously qualified as a mediator under the requirements of the Nebraska Dispute Resolution Act, and, in addition:<sup>1</sup>

- Is an attorney in good standing in the state of Nebraska and in this court; and
- Has been admitted to practice law in any state for at least five years; and
- Has satisfactorily completed not fewer than 15 hours of specialized training in mediating cases in federal court; and
- Has completed at least three mediations supervised by an experienced mediator; and
- Agrees to accept cases referred pursuant to the Plan and to abide by the provisions of the Plan in such cases, including ethics restrictions.

Approval is effective for a period of five years, and re-application is required after each five-year approval period. Subsequent applications require satisfactory performance in mediations referred pursuant to the Plan, as shown by the evaluation(s) submitted by participants in the individual's mediations.

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<sup>1</sup> Additional qualifications were required by the October, 2000 amendments to the Plan, but no mediators have been initially approved since the adoption of the additional requirements.